

West Bletchley Council – Planning for the Future

West Bletchley Council's Planning and Environment Committee meets monthly to consider planning applications submitted in respect of land and buildings within the parish. All committee meetings are open to the public, with details of individual planning applications to be considered being published locally ahead of the meeting in accordance with statutory requirements. Residents frequently attend committee meetings to make representations to the Committee as they consider specific planning applications.

Within the last couple of years the Council has successfully supported residents in objecting to large scale housing development on a site adjacent to the parish boundary. Venues for Council committee meetings where this subject was being discussed were arranged in locations other than the Council offices, in order to make them more accessible to those who would wish to attend; it has supported residents in successfully objecting to change of use of a commercial property, where the proposed use would have been wholly inappropriate within a residential area. Once again, Council committee meetings where this item was discussed were moved to alternative premises, to provide space and ease of access for all those residents who would have wished to attend; it has supported residents in negotiations with agents and developers in order to gain agreement to amend plans for an "in fill" development that were acceptable to all parties.

The Council is compiling a Neighbourhood Plan. The process, which has so far extended over more than twelve months, has involved regular workshop meetings involving local residents, businesses and professionals. Four distinct features and/or areas within the parish have been identified for specific attention. Each stage of the process to date has been reviewed and endorsed by the Council, acknowledging the wishes and aspirations of residents.

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